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SENATE BILL 40

**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY  
SCHOLARSHIPS TO INCLUDE HEALTH INSURANCE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the College Affordability Act  
is enacted to read:

"~~[NEW MATERIAL]~~ HEALTH INSURANCE.--

A. As part of the award of a scholarship, and  
subject to department rules, the scholarship shall include  
money for a public post-secondary institution or tribal college  
to add the student to the health insurance policy generally  
offered to students attending the institution or college.

B. The department shall determine by rule the  
qualifications and criteria for a qualified eligible student to  
receive the health insurance benefit authorized in Subsection A

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1 of this section; provided that one qualification shall be that  
2 the student is not covered by any other health insurance plan.

3 C. Money for the health insurance plan benefit  
4 authorized in Subsection A of this section shall be in addition  
5 to the scholarship award limitation in Subsection D of Section  
6 21-21L-5 NMSA 1978.

7 D. The duration and termination of the health  
8 insurance plan benefit authorized in Subsection A of this  
9 section shall be coextensive with the duration and termination  
10 of scholarships awarded pursuant to the College Affordability  
11 Act."

12 Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
13 provisions of this act is July 1, 2008.

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